

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

There are anti-Trust laws that guard us against monopolies such as this that have been ignored. This government colludes with these businesses and does terrible disservice to our nation. Democracy is at peril should the situation be allowed much further. This is a time of the true patriot. You know what the right thing to do is, I'm doing my part. These are my airwaves, & yours. I, we, the people demand your organization perform with solemn responsibility to be the guardians of ethical, moral and just standards of communications.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.